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Re: Arizona Clean Fuels Refinery at Yuma

Dear Sirs:

I write to you today as a member of the Arizona Corporation Commission, the branch of Arizona government tasked with the regulation of Arizona's electric, gas and water utilities and with the oversight of pipeline and railroad safety. In my capacity as a Commissioner, I have actively followed the efforts to develop a refinery near Yuma, Arizona.¹ I believe this is a valuable project that will bring necessary supplies of fuel to Arizona, the Southwest, and create good jobs in the Yuma area.

¹ The ACC does not regulate refineries or other oil production facilities but would have regulatory oversight of the safety of oil pipelines built in Arizona to support the proposed refinery.

It is my understanding that negotiations are underway between Arizona Clean Fuels Yuma and PEMEX for a crude supply and processing agreement, and SENER for permission to build and use a terminal and a pipeline, and that these negotiations are progressing in an encouraging manner. It has also come to my attention that part of the Arizona Clean Fuels Yuma proposal calls for returning some portion of the refinery's fuel back to the Sonora region through a Maquila processing agreement.

This refinery project has received broad public and political support in Arizona. As you may know, many Arizonans believe that we must diversify our fuel supply, as we are served by only two gasoline pipelines and currently have no indigenous refining capacity. Our state's burgeoning population and growing economy require Arizona to seek additional fuel sources and I am persuaded this refinery will help accomplish that goal. Additionally, if the Clean Fuels project moves forward, it would be the first refinery built in the United States in more than three decades, an important step that could help stanch further escalation of gas prices.

The Clean Fuels refinery will also advance the long-standing Mexico-Arizona partnership that has been promoted through the years by the mutually beneficial policies put forth by the Arizona Trade Office, the Arizona Mexico Commission, the Border Governor's Conference and La Comisión Sonora Arizona.

I encourage your support for this project's key components, such as the crude oil supply agreement, the development of infrastructure and pipeline access.

Please contact me at any time, and thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kris Mayes', with a stylized, flowing script.

Kris Mayes, Commissioner
Arizona Corporation Commission

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